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MARK TWAIN ON SPELLING.

There was a spelling match at the Asylum
Hill Congregational Church, Hartford, Conn.,
on Wednesday evening, and Samuel L. Clemens
(Mark Twain) being called on for a few
preliminary remarks, spoke as follows:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—I have been
honored with the office of introducing these
approaching orthographical solemnities with
a few remarks. The temperance crusade swept
the land some time ago, that is, the vast por-
tion of the land where it was needed, but it
skipped Hartford. Now comes this new spell-
ing epidemic, and this time we are stricken.
So I suppose we needed the affliction. I don't
say we needed it, for I don't see any use in
spelling a word right, and never did. I mean
I don't see any use in having a uniform and
arbitrary way of spelling words. We might as
well make all clothes alike and cook all dishes
alike. Sameness is tiresome; variety is pleas-
ing. I have a correspondent, whose letters are
a ways a refreshment to me; there is such a
breezy, unadorned originality about his orthog-
raphy. He always spells Kow with a large
K. Now, that is just as good as to spell it
with a small one. It is better. It gives the
imagination a broader field, a wider scope. It
suggests to the mind a grand, vague, impres-
sive, new kind of a cow. Superb effects can be
produced by variegated spelling. Now, there
is Blind Tom, the musical prodigy. He always
spells a word according to the sound that he
carries to his ear. And he is an enthusi-
ast in orthography. When you give him a
word he shouts it out—puts all his soul into
it. I once heard him called upon to spell
orange—orange before an audience. He said,
"O, r-a-n-g, orange, g-e-r, ger, orange
t-a-n-g, tang, orange tang!" Now a body
can respect an orange-tang that spells his
name in a vigorous way like that. But the
feeble dictionary makes a mere kitten of him.
In the old times people spelled just as they
pleased. That was the right idea. You had
two chances at a stanger then. You knew a
strong man from a weak one by his iron-clad
spelling, and his hand writing helped him to
verify your verdict. Some people have an idea
that correct spelling can be taught—and taught
to anybody. That is a mistake. The spelling
faculty is born in a man, like poetry, music, and
art. It is a gift; it is a talent. People who
have this gift in a high degree only need to see
a word once in print and it is forever photo-
graphed upon their memory. They cannot for-
get it. People who have it must be con-
tent to spell nothing or less like—like thunder—
and expect to enlighten the dictionary wherever
their orthographical lightning happens to strike.
There are 114,000 words in the unabridged
dictionary. I know a lady who can spell only
180 of them right. She steers clear of all the
rest. She can't learn any more. So her let-
ters always consist of those constantly recurring
180 words. Now and then, when she finds her-
self obliged to write upon a subject which
necessitates the use of some other words, she
well, she don't write on that subject. I have
a relative in New York who is almost sublimely
gifted. She can't spell any word right. There
is a game called Verbiage. A dozen people
are each provided with a sheet of paper, across
the top of which is written a long word like
kaleidoscopic, or something like that, and the
game is to see who can make up the most words
out of that in three minutes, always beginning
with the initial letter of the word. Upon one
occasion the word chosen was cofferdam. When
time was called everybody had built from five
to twenty words except this young lady. She
only had one word—caff. We all studied a mo-
ment and then said, "Why, there is no l in
cofferdam!" Then we examined her paper.
To the eternal honor of that uninspired, uncon-
scious, sublimely independent soul it said, she
had spelled that word "caff!" If anybody
here can spell any more sensibly than that,
let him step to the front and take his milk.
The instruction will now begin.

FACETIA.

The following verse was once inscribed on a
church in Halifax, N. S., the basement of
which had been used as a wine saloon:

There's a spirit above, and a spirit below,
A spirit of joy and a spirit of woe;
The spirit above is the spirit divine,
The spirit below is the spirit of wine.

"Sir," said a little blustering man to a religi-
ous opponent, "to what sect do you suppose I
belong?" "Well, I don't exactly know," re-
plied his opponent, "but to judge from your
speech, appearance and constant buzzing, I should
think you belonged to the class generally called
insect."

At a meeting of Confederate soldiers the other
day in Atlanta, so many were dubbed with
titles that the following appropriate resolution
was introduced: "Resolved, That the Presi-
dent appoint a committee of one to inquire
whether there were any surviving privates of
the late war."

A conductor in Burlington, Iowa, was re-
cently made happy by having voted to him a
badge, at a public fair. Being called upon for
a speech, he was hustled upon the platform.
Looking round for a moment he ejaculated
"Tickets!" and retired. It was so effective that
the band couldn't play for ten minutes.

The latest anecdote brought to light by the
Centennial celebration is rather amusing. While
the British troops were marching through old
Cambridge, one of them said jestingly to a far-
mer sowing seed: "You may sow, but we shall
reap." "Well perhaps you may," was the re-
ply, "for I am sowing hemp."

"Please, sir," said a boy with two bottles,
to a grocer, "mother wants a cent's worth of
your best yeast." "Well, which bottle will
you have it in?" "Please, sir, she wants it
in both; and won't you put corks in 'em, and
send 'em home, as I'm going 't'other way; and
mother says she hain't got no cent, but you
must charge it."

"Yes, you may come again next Sunday
evening, Horace, dear, but"—and she hesitated.
"What is it, darling? Have I given you
pain?" he asked, as she still remained silent.
"You didn't mean to, I'm sure," she responded,
"but next time please don't wear one of
those collars with the points turning outward;
they scratch so."

"Tis the first spring mo-quito
Heard humming alone,
His thrifty companions
Will be here anon.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

A CARD.—Circumstances rendering it de-
sirable that I should locate in Baltimore, I
have transferred my DENTAL PRACTICE in
Alexandria to DR. D. N. RUST. He has been
for so many years associated with me as to need
no introduction or endorsement, his skill, ability
and reputation for honesty and high integrity
being well known. I cordially commend him
to the favor of my friends and patients, as well
worthy of the position to which he succeeds, and
despeak for him the practice with which, for so
long, I have been favored.

JAMES B. HODGKIN.

Alexandria, Va., Mar 10-11

COL. RICHARD L. MAURY,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

1015 Main street,

RICHMOND, VA.

Special facilities for prompt collections
throughout Virginia and West Virginia. Money
invariably remitted on day of receipt.

Refers to: Gov. Jno. Letcher, (recent partner)
Lexington, Va.; Gov. Jas. L. Kemper, Rich-
mond, Va.; Hon. R. T. Hunter; R. H.
Maury & Co., Bankers; Messrs. Barrington Bros.
& Co., London, England; J. K. Gilliat & Co.,
London, England.

Richmond, Feb 19-17

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O. W. JAMIESON, C. H. COLLINS

Alex. Iron and Brass Works.

JAMIESON & COLLINS.

Proprietors.

CORNER OF ROYAL AND WILKINS STS

Alexandria, Virginia.

Building Material, Mill Work and Castings
of every description, made at short notice.

Cash paid for old Iron and Brass.

Shop 6-11

W. S. MOORE,

MACHINIST AND BLACKSMITH,

No. 65 Union street,

Alexandria, Va.

Where he is prepared to furnish all kinds of
MACHINERY, WROUGHT AND CAST
IRON FENCES, &c.

Repairing done with dispatch, and at prices
that were charged previous to the war. Jan 20

PHILIP PARK,

PRACTICAL PLUMBER,

No. 12 South Fairfax street.

The oldest and best established Plumbing
establishment in the city. All work done with
dispatch, and in the most durable and workman-
like manner. Satisfaction guaranteed.

JOBING done at short notice, and by him-
self, or the most experienced workmen. Jan 2-11

REFRIGERATORS.

NURSERY REFRIGERATORS,

WATER COOLERS,

COOLER STANDS,

PATENT FREEZERS,

WATERS, PLATED WARE,

CUTLERY, BASKETS of every description,

TIN WARE in every variety, WOODWARE
AND BRUSHES of every kind, for sale low at
A. H. NOOT & BROS.,

my 24-3m No. 69 King st., Alexandria.

BALTIMORE & POTOMAC RAILROAD

RESTAURANT.

Situated in the Depot Building, corner of 6th
and B streets, Washington, D. C.

Open from 5 a. m. to 12 p. m. daily.

All dishes served at short notice.

DESHIELDS & CO., Proprietors.

Also UNION DEPOT RESTAURANT,

North Charles st., Baltimore. my 22-1m

FISH.

POTOMAC SHAD.

POTOMAC ROE HERRINGS, in bbls and
half bbls.

NO. 1 POTOMAC HERRINGS.

Genuine ENGLISH LABRADOR DO.

AMERICAN DO.

Choice Round PORTLAND HERRINGS.

EASTPORT HERRINGS. For sale by
THOMAS PERRY,

my 29-1m 17 King street.

DRESS GOODS AT REDUCED PRICES.

Monday, June 14, 1875.

We are offering all our Spring and Summer
Dress Goods at prices regardless of cost rather
than carry them over. Great inducements may
be expected. Remnants at half price.

H. B. HOOMES, D. F. BRASHEAR,

my 14 No. 109 King st., Alexandria, Va.

P. T. GEORGE & CO'S. MAGNOLIA

HAMS and Johnson, Bro. & Co's. Val-
ley Sugar-cured Shoulders, canvassed, small
sizes, for sale by

GEO. MCBURNEY & SON,

my 14 166 and 170 King street.

POTTED HAM, TONGUE and BEEF,

prepared for excursionists, travellers and
sportsmen, unequalled for sandwiches and
luncheons, for sale by

GEO. MCBURNEY & SON,

my 14 166 and 170 King street.

OUR FOURTH SUPPLY THIS SEASON

OF

SUN UMBRELLAS,

In Silk, Supel, Serges, Zinilla, Gingham, &c.,
for ladies, gentlemen and children. Cheap.
my 13 D. F. WITMER CO.

FANS!

FANS!

The largest assortment of Fans in the city,
consisting of Silk, Satin, Linen and Japanese,
at the lowest prices.

my 8 FERGUSON & BROS.,

96 King street.

WHOLESALE DEALERS, ATTEN-

TION.—Our stock of goods for country
merchants is now large and well assorted. An
examination of it will, we think, convince that
our prices are right.

my 9 D. F. WITMER CO.

NOTICE.—Those who use SPECTACLES

should call at GREEN'S NOTION

HOUSE and invest 25c in a pair of those cele-
brated IMPORTED OPTICAL LENSES

SPECTACLES, and they will experience great
ease and comfort. my 24

JUST RECEIVED.—Baker's and Griffin's

Chocolate, Lea & Perrins' Worcestershire
Sauce, Queen Olives, Virgin Oil, Italian Macca-
roni, Bucker's Farina, Vermacelli, Liebig's Ex-
tract of Beef, Condensed Milk, &c., for sale by

J. C. MILBURN,

my 10

REAL HAIR SWITCHES at GREEN'S

NOTION HOUSE and Hair Goods Fac-
tory, 76 King st.—I am now getting out a new
line of Switches, which we undoubtedly pro-
nounce the best and cheapest in the market.

CHAS. W. GREEN.

my 7

BASE BALL DEPOT at GREEN'S NO-

TION HOUSE, 76 King st.—Agency for
the best Base Ball manufactured in the U. S.
Goods sold at factory prices, thus saving freight
to purchasers.

CHAS. W. GREEN.

my 7

POTATO BUG.—We have on hand a fresh

supply of PARIS GREEN, the article
recommended by all the agricultural papers for
the destruction of the potato bug. For sale by
D. F. WITMER CO. & BROS.

my 18

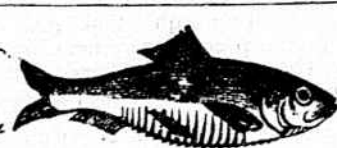
MOTHS!—We have on hand a

large stock of what is believed to be the
best and cheapest preventive for Moths. For
sale by

E. S. LEADBEATER & BROS.

my 10

FISH DEALERS.



JAMES E. MCGRAW,

Dealer in Fresh and Salted

Potomac Shad & Herrings,

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

I am prepared to fill orders for all varieties of
FRESH and SALT POTOMAC FISH
lowest market rates.

Orders accompanied by cash, or good refer-
ence, will be promptly filled, and satisfaction
guaranteed.

mh 18-3m JAS. E. MCGRAW.

CONFECTIONERY, &c.

BRENGLE'S

Ice Cream Parlors

AND

CONFECTIONERY,

129 King street.

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NOTICE.

MINERAL WATERS:

Soda, Vichy, Saratoga, Excelsior, Bedford,
Geyser, Hathorn and Bethesda Waters, on
draught. Also the Iron Alum Mass, from the
celebrated Seven Springs, of Washington Co.,
Va. Just received and for sale by

SAMUEL H. LUNT,

my 8-1m Druggist.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

SPRING TRADE, 1875.

W. B. WADDEY,

74 King street,

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

Large and superior stock of

LADIES' GENTS' BOYS' and CHILDREN'S

BOOTS AND SHOES,

which have been selected with great care and
especially for my trade, and which can therefore
be offered with a certainty of satisfying all who
may purchase as to quality of material, style of
finish and price.

On hand a large stock of

BOOTS, SHOES AND BROGANS

SUITABLE FOR THE

COUNTRY TRADE,

which will be sold at prices that will compete
with Northern houses and superior in quality.
Great care has been bestowed upon the selec-
tion of my stock, and purchasers may rely upon
getting goods of a superior quality.

Liberal terms will be made to the trade,
and orders from the country solicited, with a
guarantee of satisfaction.

mh 11 W. B. WADDEY, 74 King st.

VARIETIES.

WORCESTER SAUCE.

WALNUT and TOMATO CATSUP.

DESSICATED COCONUT.

COOK'S GELATINE.

SARDINES.

TWIN BROTHERS' YEAST CAKES.

BABBITT'S RUMFORD'S and PATAP-

SCO YEAST POWDERS.

PINEAPPLE CABBAGE and

MACARONI. Just received by

my 10 DAVY & HARMON.

NATIVE CAMPHOR.

Sublimed and Compressed.

The best Camphor in use for medicinal pur-
poses.

THE GREAT MOTH DESTROYER—THE

GREAT DISINFECTANT.

This Camphor is sublimed by a new process
into pure and beautiful snowy flakes, and then
compressed into convenient blocks. Will last
twice as long, and is superior in every respect to
the Camphor in use. For sale by

WARFIELD & HALL,

mh 16 Corner Prince and Fairfax streets.

FANCY GOODS, NOTIONS, HOSIERY.

&c.—We are receiving and keep constantly
on hand a full line of Handkerchiefs, Hose
and Half Hose, Ladies' and Men's Vests, Shirt
Fronts, Cravats, Collars and Cuffs, Suspenders,
Belts, Buttons of every description, Hat Crapes,
Printed and Plain Skirts, together with other
very cheap goods. D. F. BRASHEAR,

my 29 No. 109 King st., Alexandria, Va.

MORE NEW DRESS GOODS—May 31st,

1875.—We open to-day a line of the cheap-
est Iron Frame Grenadines ever offered in this
market, ranging in price from 37 1/2c, 45c, 50c,
62 1/2c and upwards. Also beautiful high lustrous
Alpacas at 37 1/2c, 45c, 50c, &c. All first
class standard Calicoes at 10c.

D. F. BRASHEAR,

my 31 No. 109 King street.

VALENTINE'S EXTRACT MEAT, LIE-

MEAT CURE just received and for sale by

my 10 E. S. LEADBEATER & BROS.

BLACK ENGLISH CRAPPE VEILS,

\$2.50 to \$9. Also a large line of Mourning
Goods generally.

D. F. WITMER CO.

my 22

EGG and BUTTER POWDER, a perfect

substitute for Eggs and Butter, in store and
for sale by

W. M. F. BROOKES,

my 22 147 King street.

SACRET POWDERS, Heliotrope, Violet,
Frangipani, Rose, Jockey Club and Gerani-
um, just received and for sale by

my 20 WARFIELD & HALL.

GROSS RUMFORD'S YEAST POW-

DER'S just received and for sale by

my 9 W. A. JOHNSON,

mh 9 44 corner Pitt and Prince streets.

FINEST TOILET SOAPS.

my 29 GEO. MCBURNEY & SON

DRY GOODS.

WM. N. BARKLEY & SON

Having determined to

REDUCE THEIR STOCK OF GOODS,

are offering great inducements to purchasers for
cash. Please call and examine our stock.

All persons indebted to Wm. N. Barkley on
old account will please make payment, as longer
indulgence should not be asked. je 7-1m

PLAID and PLAIN DEBEGES and other
styles DRESS GOODS, at reduced prices,
just received. Great bargains in all kinds of
Dress Goods at

je 7 D. F. WITMER CO'S.